

REMARKS

Claim 45 has been amended to recite that “when the fluorine-containing resin has hydroxyl group, the curing agent (C) is an amino compound,” and that “the stain-proofing component (B) is (B1) a liquid polydialkylsiloxane having hydroxyl, amino, epoxy, carboxyl, thiol, $-(C_2H_4O)_a-(C_3H_6O)_bR^1$, and/or hydrolysable alkyl silicate residue or (B2) a liquid fluoropolyether having hydroxyl, amino, epoxy, carboxyl, thiol, nitrile, iodine atom and/or hydrolysable alkyl silicate residue.” Namely, the scope of the stain-proofing component (B) has been restored to that of original claims 4 and 5. Support is found, for example, at page 8, lines 18-22 and page 12, line 26 to page 13, line 2 of the specification. Claim 48 has been cancelled in view of the amendment to claim 45. No new matter has been added, and entry of the Amendment is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the Amendment, claims 45-47 and 49-52 will be pending.

Claims 45-47 and 49-51 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hanada et al (US 5,621,042).

This rejection should be withdrawn because Hanada et al does not disclose or render obvious the present invention.

The Examiner states that with the amendment to claim 45 filed July 24, 2009, the claims have been broadened to the extent that the curing agent can now be an isocyanate compound or an amino compound. The Examiner observes that Hanada et al fails to teach an invention wherein an amino compound is combined with a fluorine-containing resin having a hydroxyl group, but finds that the claims still embrace a permutation where the curing agent comprises an isocyanate group and it is this embodiment on which the rejection is based.

As noted, claim 45 has been amended to limit the curing agent (C) to an amino compound. Accordingly, the amended claims are patentable over Harada et al.

In view of the above, reconsideration and withdrawal of the §103(a) rejection based on Harada et al are respectfully requested.

Claims 48 and 52 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claim 48 has been cancelled, making this objection moot. Claim 52 is patentable in its present form because claim 45, from which claim 52 depends, is patentable, as discussed above.

Allowance of claims 45-47 and 49-52 is respectfully requested. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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